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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone! The weather is finally getting warmer. Many of our club members have been getting out to the

1700 south and 1100 west site and having some great success. Some of the items found include: 1929 Standing Liberty Quarter, 1867 Shield Nickel, Silver Washington Quarter, buttons, bottles, and many



clad coins. What a great place to hunt, meet new people and mingle with other members of our own club. Have fun out there, stay safe and always fill in your holes.

Our Medals chairman, Don Swain, will have a sign up list for ordering and purchasing our new 2010 club medals.

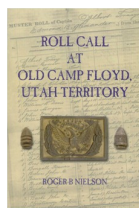
Bob Koniar has this month's mini display – Coins and Bills.

I would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to last month's speaker, Mr. Kelly Finnegan. His presentation about rare metals and element metal coin strikes was extremely interesting.

This month's speakers are back by popular demand. Mr. Roger Nielson and Mr. Duane Bylund will be taking us back to the time of Johnston's army at old Camp Floyd. This will be a fantastic presentation. The history and relics they have discovered are

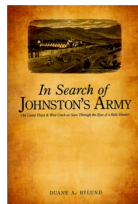


amazing.



See
ya at the meeting.
Todd Monson

Let's all hope for consistent warmer weather and a Gold Coin around the next corner.



The husband had just finished reading a new book entitled, "YOU CAN BE THE MAN OF YOUR HOUSE."

"He stormed to his wife in the kitchen and announced, "From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house and my word is Law.

"You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, you will serve me a sumptuous dessert.

"After dinner, you are going to go upstairs with me and we will have the kind of sex that I want.

"Afterwards, you are going to draw me a bath so I can relax. You will wash my back and towel me dry and bring me my robe. Then, you will massage my feet and hands.

"Then tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"

The wife replied, "The fricking funeral director would be my first guess!"

APRIL 22

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Location: Columbus

Community Center

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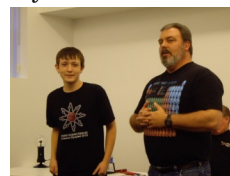


Not Pictured: Mel Milgrom,
Oldest US Coin



Bill Glodowski,, US Coin

Todd's Science Demonstration
With Kyle Carson



Cliff Fausett, Jewelry & Bottle
And Oldest US Cent



JJ Valerio, Token



Johnny Player, Foreign Coin



Mike Morey, Button & Marble

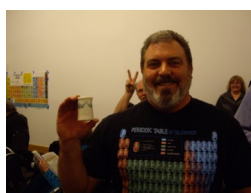


Our Speaker

Kelly Finnegan, Owner
Penny Press Mint



Terry Wright, Artifact & Key



Todd Monson, Non-metal



What's wrong with
this picture?

PONY EXPRESS PONY EXPRESS

The First Ride

With only two months to make the Pony Express a reality, the team of William H. Russell, Alexander Majors and William B. Waddell had their hands full in January 1860. Over 100 stations, 400-500 horses and enough riders were needed - at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

But on April 3, 1860, the first official delivery began at the eastern terminus of the Pony Express in St. Joseph, Missouri. Amid great fanfare and with many dignitaries present, a mail pouch containing 49 letters, five telegrams and miscellaneous papers was handed to a rider. At 7:15 p.m., a cannon was

fired and the rider bolted off to a waiting ferry boat.

The Pony Express was set up to provide a fresh horse every 10-15 miles and a fresh rider every 75-100 miles. 75 horses

"...citizens paraded the streets with bands of music, fireworks were set off...the best feeling was manifested by everybody."
- New York times, April 14, 1860 on the success of

were needed total to make a one-way trip. Average speed was 10 miles per hour. On April 9 at 6:45 p.m., the first rider from the east reached Salt Lake City, Utah. Then, on April 12, the mail pouch reached Carson City, Nevada at 2:30 p.m.

The riders raced over the Sierra Nevada Mountains, through Placerville, California and on to Sacramento. Around midnight on April 14, 1860, the first mail pouch was delivered via the Pony Express to San Francisco.

Despite the success and approval of the public, the Pony Express was by no means a trouble-free operation after the first delivery. Costs and difficulties of maintaining the extensive network of stations, people and horses were numerous. Yet the Pony Express, with the exception of delays caused by the Pyramid Lake War, stayed in operation until the telegraph's arrival in 1861.



Pony and Overland stage station at Camp Floyd Utah

Photo

ON MARCH 27TH, 2010, THE OQUIRRH HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM WAS COMPETING AGAINST 32 OTHER SCHOOLS IN A STATE SCIENCE COMPETITION AT WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 28 DIFFERENT EVENTS TO COMPETE IN.

OUR OWN KYLE CARSON WAS INVOLVED IN TWO DIFFERENT EVENTS; EGG-O-NAUT (2 LITER BOTTLE ROCKET WITH AN EGG) AND METEOROLOGY. KYLE TOOK 6TH AND 5TH PLACE RESPECTIVELY.

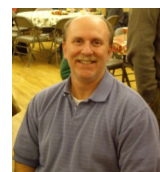
KYLE, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU! WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND SUCCESS AT THE 2010 STATE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 22nd - N.U.T.S. MONTHLY MEETING - Location: 2531 South 400 East, Room 105 - Time: 7:00 PM

APRIL 17th - 18th - Winfield, Pennsylvania. 31st Annual 2-Day Treasure Hunt sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club at the Union Township Fire Co. Three hunts per day. No Clad! For more info, contact Lenny Cooper at (570) 752-6347, e-mail coop6347@msn.com or Ed Burke at (570) 331-0600, e-mail potogold1@verizon.net

APRIL 16th - 18th - Riverside, California. The West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters present their 23rd Annual Hunt, Rendezvous 2010 at Rancho Jurupa Regional Park. Make your reservations early at (951) 684-7032 or (800) 234-7275. For more information, contact Ralph Crowther, 26722 Valpariso Dr., Mission Viejo, CA 92691 or e-mail ralph.crowther@mindspeed.com

APRIL 23rd - 25th - Keene & Marlborough, New Hampshire. 17th Best O' North East (BONE) Treasure Hunters Weekend sponsored by Professional Treasure Hunters. For info, e-mail gstreeter@ne.rr.com or call (603) 876-4443. Advance registrations to PTHHS, 307 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455.

APRIL 24th - Radersberg, Montana. Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA's 7th Annual Claim Jumpers Metal Detector Hunt. Gold Nuggets! Silver Coins! Prizes! For info, e-mail gpaainfo@yahoo.com

APRIL 24th - 25th - Cashmere, Washington. The North Central Washington Prospectors' 11th annual Gold and Treasure Show at the Chelan County Fairgrounds. Sat., 9-5, Sun., 9-4. \$3 admission, 12 and under free. For more info, contact Carl Pederson, President at repete7@verizon.net or call (509) 630-8239.

APRIL 30th - May 2nd - Apache Junction, Arizona. FMDAC 2010 Spring Festival - three days of fun and activities at the Goldfield Ghost Town. Hunts all three days with seminars and displays on site. Detectors, gold nuggets, silver coins and other prizes to be won. For more information, contact Duane Biller at dbiller@atlanticbb.net or Mike Smith at promack@quik.com, (480) 983-7011. You can go online to www.fmdac.org to download hunt forms.

MAY 7th - 9th - Pawnee, Oklahoma. Oklahoma Steam and Gas Engine Show at the Steam Park Grounds. Gates Open at 8 a.m. Adults: \$7 per day or \$10 for 3-day pass, children 12 and under free. Friday is School Day - (school groups accompanied by teacher admitted free).

Demonstrations, vendors, displays. Log onto <http://www.oklahomathreshers.org/> for more information or contact the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce, (918) 762-2108, pawneeok@att.net

MAY 15th - Virginia Beach, Virginia. Save the date. This is the hunt all your friends told you about. The one and only 23rd annual open hunt sponsored by Tidewater Coin and Relic Club at the beautiful Virginia Beach oceanfront. Rain or shine. Detectors, gold, silver and prizes galore. Contact Ina Finn at sanddigger@charter.net or (757) 679-0467.

MAY 15th - Brownwood, Texas. Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Open Satellite Hunt & Free Kids' Hunt at Allcorn Park. For registration information, log onto <http://www.texasCouncil.net> and click on Special Event or Member Events.

MAY 16th - Lathrop, Missouri. The Three Trails Historical Search Team of Independence, Missouri, will sponsor their 26th Annual Treasure Hunt at the Antique Show Grounds. For more information, contact Gregg Arnold at (913) 831-1011 or e-mail gastudio@kc.rr.com

22nd - 23rd - Lisbon, North Dakota. NEW LOCATION! Minnkota Artifact Recovery Group's 11th annual treasure hunt at Dead Colt Creek Park. Coins, Food, Raffles. For more info, contact Jeff Kehl at jkehl1963@yahoo.com or (320) 845-7814.

MAY 22nd - Onset, Massachusetts. The 18th Annual Open Treasure Hunt sponsored by the Gateway Treasure Hunters Club at the Onset Public Beach, rain or shine. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Easy access from I-95, I-495 and Mass. Routes 3, 6, 25 and 28. For more info, call Roy Gouge at (508) 759-9779, e-mail phylroy@verizon.net or visit the club's website at <http://mysite.verizon.net/gthclub22>

MAY 27th - N.U.T.S. MONTHLY MEETING - Location: 2531 South 400 East, Room 105 - Time: 7:00 PM

MAY 29th - 30th - Casper, Wyoming. The Natrona County Rockhounds Club will host its Gem, Rock and Mineral Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 29 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 30 at the Natrona County Fairgrounds Industrial Building, 1700 Fairgrounds Road. Vendors, demonstrations, displays, silent auction, door prizes, raffles and more. Admission: \$3, children 12 and younger free with an adult. For more information, contact Randy Sternberg at 307-234-6156

Todd Monson - Oquirrh Hills Middle School

KSL.COM May 12th, 2009 @ 5:30am

A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops.

--Henry Adams



As the parent of a struggling eighth grader I know several of his teachers quite well. In helping to keep Jordan caught up academically we have exchanged many emails and phone calls and held more meetings than his teachers or I would have liked. Together we have worked countless hours behind the scenes to help Jordan, but his struggles continued. Ironically it was one of his teachers with whom until recently I had neither met nor corresponded that finally may have turned the tide. I am writing to tell you about Todd Monson, Oquirrh Hills Middle School.

In the back of my mind had been lurking the thought that the science fair was coming soon. Each portion of the project had an independent deadline, probably to discourage procrastination and provide opportunities for feedback and small corrections along the way. Well into the project, however Jordan had still not selected a topic and was falling behind quickly. Finally Mr. Monson suggested that Jordan experiment with cranes. Jordan seemed to be making progress again, though always at the last minute. Finally he asked me to purchase some material to build cranes. The purpose of his experiment was to load each model with weight until it broke. There would need to be forty five cranes built to satisfy the requirements of the project. I argued that it would be more reasonable to make one model and document how design changes affect its ability to lift. As always, Jordan insisted that I was wrong and out of touch. He was just following his teacher's instructions. That is when I first spoke to Mr. Monson.

Early one morning I sent an email asking for help understanding the topic he suggested. When he had not replied by early evening I just figured he was just another overworked teacher who would soon learn how very persistent I am when it comes to Jordan's education. However, before I could get home to send another email he called me. It was seven PM. Not only did he make time to reply, he called me personally and was completely up to speed on every aspect of Jordan's progress. We spoke for nearly thirty minutes and not once did I feel as though he had anywhere to go or anything to do but help me. During the course of our conversation it was discovered that Jordan had falsified portions of the assignment. Knowing he did not need my permission, Mr. Monson asked if it would be alright if he replaced Jordan's scores with zeros, at least until the work was actually completed. Of course I agreed, hoping that a little accountability would be a better motivator for Jordan than all the subsidies he had received in other classes. Mr. Monson gave me several resources that would help Jordan complete the project and promised to be available should I need anything else. During our conversation he explained that when people ask him what subject he teaches he replies, "Respect, responsibility, and then science," and that this would be an excellent developmental opportunity for Jordan. I began to understand the measure of his dedication as a teacher when the call ended at seven thirty and I noticed that he had called me from school.

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Mr. Paul Hollis donated ten (10) 2010 Shield Cents to the club. I was fortunate enough to get one during our drawings. Again, I want to thank Mr. Hollis for his generous donation. It is dealers and friends like him that make our collecting an enjoyable hobby.

The Lost House Range Placers

THE TALE

The House Range still holds many secrets. Prospectors have roamed these mountains for over two centuries. Evidence of early Spanish mining activity still occasionally surfaces. Caches of old Spanish tools and mining equipment have been discovered in the central part of the range, near the only major gold-producing area in the county.

Millard never been producer of 500 ounces recorded for



Tule Valley, House Range, West Central Utah, looking NW

Most of this production hails from the small placer deposits of the House Range. Located in North Canyon and Miller Canyon, the gold placers were worked extensively during the 1930's. Surely more than 500 ounces of gold were taken from the two canyons during the depression years, not to mention the efforts of the early Spaniards in the area. One story in particular has come down to us regarding an incredibly rich placer deposit somewhere in the House Range. In a single transaction, the discoverer of this placer sold more than 300 ounces of gold - 60% of the total recorded production for the entire county! The discovery occurred sometime during the late 1930's. A Mexican shepherd working in the House Range stumbled upon a glory hole of placer gold somewhere on the slopes of the mountains. The deposit must have been rich for the Mexican turned up in the nearby town of Delta with several sacks of fine gold dust. On one of his visits, the shepherd sold more than 20 pounds of gold to a local doctor. Of course, the Mexican never revealed the location of his find and soon dropped out of sight. He was never seen again. Prospectors have searched the House Range for many years but the Mexican's lost placer remains hidden to this day.

MINING POTENTIAL

The House Range of west-central Utah has been prospected off and on for over two centuries. Unfortunately, the House Range has never been a big producer of gold. Only 500 ounces are reported from the placer deposits in Miller Canyon and the Amasa Valley. Most of this gold was recovered during the 1930's, although some mining activity continues today. The gold here has always been difficult to recover. The area is remote and extremely dry while the gold itself occurs mostly as a fine dust.

Prospectors should probably concentrate on the canyons and ravines that drain the slopes of Sawtooth Mountain, near the center of the range.

entire

County has a major producer of gold. Only 500 ounces are officially recorded for the county.

This area includes the old placer mining sites in Miller Canyon and the Amasa Valley. Prospectors may also want to search for the source of the placer gold in the rocks above the canyon floors. The contact between the Jurassic pluton and the surrounding limestones and shales is intriguing, although mineralization associated with the intrusion seems to be minimal. Prospectors may want to concentrate on the fault area, that cut cal limestone source of Range never original



zones in the especially those through the limestones. The the House placers has been found. The lode deposits were

House Range, West Central Utah, looking West

probably quite small and have more than likely weathered completely away. It is quite possible that other small deposits lie hidden somewhere in the vicinity of Sawtooth Mountain.

TAKEN FROM: <http://www.thegeozone.com/treasure/utah/tales/ut001a.jsp>

THE BEST TREASURE I EVER FOUND

By Eldon Farnsworth

For those that don't know me, I started with the South Salt Lake Fire Department almost 30 years ago. About 20 years ago we had someone come to the fire station to visit. She said that she needed some fire trucks and firemen for an event she was hosting. She said she was going to take 450 kids Christmas shopping and needed some help. That Christmas we ended up taking 454 kids shopping. We have done the same thing every Christmas since.

We have taken the event around the state from Ogden to Eureka and Manti to Price. Over the last 20 years we have taken more than 10,000 kids shopping. Eight years ago we started a non-profit corporation, Firemen and Friends For Kids, so people could donate and receive a tax break for their donation. It amazes me to see what those needy kids come up with. Most want to buy for brothers and sisters, moms and dads. The **treasure** is seeing the faces of those kids when they get to choose what they want.

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TODD MONSON, from Page 5

The project was ultimately completed on time, but with an enormous amount of parental assistance. I emailed Mr. Monson again to disclose the extent of our help on the project so that no one would question the origin of the work. Again Mr. Monson called. Again, it was early evening, probably about six thirty. He spent some time explaining how very pleased he was to have Jordan as a student and reported to me their conversations about persistence and integrity that followed our telephone call. After that, he nearly brought me to tears when he thanked me. He praised me for my efforts, citing specific examples about which only someone genuinely interested in Jordan would know. Until Mr. Monson, no one outside my family seemed to have any idea how much work had gone into trying to make Jordan successful. Perhaps it was because of his own extraordinary efforts that he recognized mine.

Recently, following a meeting to resolve another concern with Jordan I went looking for Mr. Monson's classroom. I wanted desperately to shake his hand and thank him personally. He had made such a difference not only in Jordan's education but had created hope that with the correct approach success could be achieved after all. On my way there I became discouraged as classroom after classroom were dark and locked. Would he even be there? Of course he was. Once again, he gave me his full attention and we spoke at length about Jordan's progress. He explained to me once more his goal to teach "respect, responsibility, and then science." Mr. Monson let me know how discouraged Jordan had been at times and described the techniques he used to motivate him. He related to me stories of how persistence had paid off in his own life and the lives of his children and students. His words of encouragement and understanding again left me charged and full of hope.

Yesterday at the Science Fair I saw Mr. Monson's exchanges with his students. It was obvious that they each receive the same attention and genuine concern as has made such a difference with Jordan. Mr. Monson's love for teaching shows in his every interaction and his impact on his students shows.

Many of Jordan's teachers have helped me along the way, some begrudgingly and others more willingly but reminding me always that they are responsible for two hundred other students and that their time is limited. No doubt Mr. Monson has just as many students as his colleagues but in speaking with him one would never know it. When he speaks to me it is as though Jordan is his only student and I am the only parent and there is all the time we need. Mr. Monson teaches exactly what he said to me in our first conversation, "Respect, responsibility, and then science." He stands for everything that is good and true and does not give up or complain when his help is needed. Through his dedicated leadership, example and unwavering encouragement Mr. Monson has reached Jordan in a way that no one else has.

It seems that everyone has a story about a teacher who has made a difference in a child's life. Until Mr. Monson I did not.

--Jeremy Chabries

KID'S CORNER

Penny Toss

Children gather six containers of different sizes, such as plastic fruit cups, empty spice containers, clean peanut butter jars, etc. Set a sheet of paper on the floor. Arrange the containers on top of the paper in rows or a circle. Take two giant steps back from the containers. Next, the children toss pennies toward the containers, discovering how many they can get into the different sized jars.

After a few rounds, children will discover which containers are easier than others to toss coins into. They can designate different points for each jar, giving more points to the bottles they rarely hit and fewer points to the containers that catch the most pennies. They can also make the game more difficult by taking another step away from the containers.

Coin Characters

Each child needs a couple of handfuls of pennies or other coins. Instead of drawing a picture, children use the coins like mosaic tiles, creating a picture on a flat surface. Place the coins close together to simulate solid shapes. Use different coins to create accents in the picture.

Coin Spin

Hold a coin between thumb and first two fingers of one hand. Children stand the coin on its edge on a table and then twist their hand and wrist to make the penny or quarter spin. Children can time how long it keeps moving. Spin different coins to determine which spins the longest.

Penny Balancing Walks

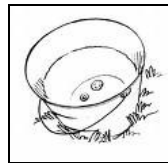
Children take off their shoes and socks and set a penny on each big toenail. Children then try walking, keeping the coins from slipping off their toes. If that becomes easy, they can try setting pennies between each of their toes and walk around the room while squeezing their toes together.

Coins in a Bucket Game

Try your luck at the watery Coins in a Bucket Game. You'll find it's a lot harder than it looks! But this easy outdoor game for kids provides a lot of amusement for only a handful of change.

What You'll Need:

Bucket
Water
Quarters
Pennies



Step 1: Fill a bucket with water, and drop a quarter into it.

Step 2: Take a handful of pennies, and drop them into the bucket one by one. Try to drop each penny so that it lands right on top of the quarter.

Step 3: Keep track of how many tries it takes to "capture" the quarter. If you're playing against a friend, take turns, and the one who captures the quarter first wins.

Bring in your Finds of the Month. Put them in a tray for display. You will receive a silver dime for your entry.



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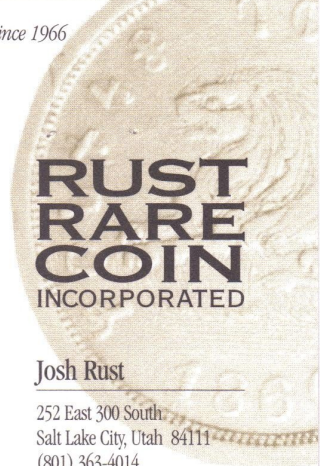
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